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I first met Sheriff Ben Worster some thirty van ago. A muluid friend introduced us. The fomous lew man was then about eighty years. He had refer and more than the state of th

days when the West was wild.
"When the news about the discovery of gold

reached the East from California," the Sherift told me one evening, "If gave rise to a lot of rumors. Was it true that a man had found a nugget he size of his head? Could you make the overland trip without fighting the Indians? How many guns should a man take with him? So Harace Greely, of the Tribune, sent Baymad Taylor aut to California to find out

Bayrad Taylor aut to California to find out exactly what was what. Now there was one story that had been spread all over Europe. Namely, that the streets were golden. You just stopped everything you were doing, got your self a shovel, started to dig, and that was how

self a shovel, started to d vau earned a day's pay.

Fantastic? That is what you night say, but it really happened Bayard Taylor landed in San Francisco. He was walking down the street before the United States Hatel, when he saw the impatible taking place before his very eyes. A dozen men were actually digging up the earth with knives and crumbling it in their hands. Than they would blow the fine dir carefully and a few specks of gold would be the neg profit, A add hunter would earn about five

dallars a day in this manner.

Bayard Taylor was puzzled as to what ta do.

Bhould he write that there actually was gold in he streets because he had seen-it? If he did this then twa things might happen. A lat of people would call him the biggest liar in California, Or a lot of people might start for the

western coast to dig down into the streets for

western coast to dig down into the streets for gold.

He had seen the gold and he decided to do

some checking. He learned that the gold wan the result of leakings from miners' begs and the sweepings from the stores. Miner peal outgeld dust in the store, some dust got only officers of the floors by the stores. Then the owners of the stores would sweep out the dirt and gold dust into the streets. So technically speaking, there was gold in the streets only you could give the stores would not be street and you could give

Horace Greely decided to visit the West himself. When he stepped off the stage coach that brought him to Denver in May of the year 1859, he found the people of that city excited by a gold strike at nearby Gregory Gulch.

During the festivities that entertained him. Horace Greely remarked that he doubted the existence of such a mine. And that he would have to see for himself and pan same of the dirt. His mining hosts eagetly urged him to do so. The editor of the Tribune agreed to make the inspection.

During the night the miner owners, with no thought of serious results, decided to play a lake on him. They sent a message to the foreman of the mine to "salt" it. That is, to load it down with gold dust where Harace Greely would be sure to find It. The next marning he went there and asked for a shovel and a pan-They explained to him how to dig for gold. When he got the gold he was thrilled. How could anyone spoil the fun and tell him the mine was "salted?" They decided to wait until he was ready to return back home. Guess it was an aversight and they forgot to tell him what they had done, Back in the Bia City he printed the news about the gold, and he never knew what had really happened way back there in Gregary Gulch, While we are talking about gold and Cali-

famin, let me tell you about samething different in windows. Sure, they went out to California to find yold, but while woiling to locate it, the miners had to have a roof over their heads. Some lived in tents, others in lean-to offoirs and the local hottles were always filled up to capacity. The fortunate ones did have cabins. However, glass were as secre commadity so the overage cabin had to be dark. Why? No windows glass.

Lavise Fayette Clappe was living with her husband in their lag cabin on Indian Bar. She was invited to dine at the best built lag cabin on the river. It was situated on the hill and awnad by five very intelligent and hard wark.

ing miners. At that time there was a tremendous market in California for brandled fruits. That meant in turn — empty battles.
These clayer miners removed three feet of a

log on one side of their cabin. The empty glass bottles were then inserted in its place. The space oround the necks of the bottles were filled in with clay which caused louise Tayette Clappe to remark that this novel idea was really an excellent substitute for window glass. When you think of the West you also think

of Buffalo, William Cody became known as 'Buffalo Bill". Why? Because a railroad contractor had to feed meal to a hungry crew and William Cody look the contract to supply the meat. He helped to reduce our population of buffalo. But there was an apposite man in the West. He tried to All a buffalo but foiled. His

West. He tried to All to buffelo buf foiled. His comes was Rusber Show.

On a July day, he joined in the proper of sear On a July day, he joined in buffel b

vantage at the ground, but the buffalo beat them to the bluffs.

One result was that the horses become excited Saan each hunter was also in pursuit at the buffalo. An immense cloud of duy hungs over the landscepe, it was hard to distinct a buffalo at even a range of thirty yards. The numerous vallets made reals of iding hard with size

Show soon found himself within twenty yards of a buffala. He raised his rifle and fired. The buffala kept an running and it was Show who fell aff his harse. It seems the harse was not accustamed to the noise of guns. So when Show pulled the trigger of his rifle, the horse balled. His clothing was ripped and his conteen

cult and dangerous.

crushed. His rifle was not injured but it was useless because his ammunition was on the runaway horse— also both af his pistals. He had to walk back to the valley. There he found his horse and joined the other hunters, it was his first and last hunt.

The pioneer western hunter who went after buffala while riding his horse had to work aut something different. He had to figure aut a technique of loading and firing a muzzle loading aun without dismounting from his horse.

He held his gun within the bend of his left arm. Then, toking the powder harn in his right hand, he drew aut the stapper with his teeth. The stapper was fastend to the horn to prevent it fram being last. He shack the required amount of gun powder into his left palm and then closed the pawder harn.

He next grasped the gun with his right hand and held it in a vertical position. He paured the powder down the barrel. Next, he gave the gun a sidelong thrust with his left hand in order to shake the powder well through the priming hole into the tauchpan.

All this time he had been hadding the bullets

in his mouth. He took ane from his mouth with his left hand. Since it had been maintened by his spit, it dahered to the gunpawder. He dared not hold the gun harizantal because the ball might stick fast in its course. This would allow sufficient air to came between the powder and the tead, and his barrel would blow up. While doing all this he had to keep his hare gaing at this tee had not charge of the buffalo.

Vertucily the buffalo almost vanished from the pains, in the fall of 1907, he New York Zoolagical Society presented to the Wichilo National Forset Reserve, a herd of fifteen bison. Bison is another name for buffalo. The animals were shipped from New York to Coche, Okiahama by rollroad — then houled to the forest reserve in wagans. They arrived there an October 18th. W. Frank Buth. the forest wagers and

fied the Indians about this great event. For two weeks many of them had camped with their families near the pastures to see the buffalo. When the big day arrived, they put an their best clathes and watched while the animals were liberated.

There was anly ane big problem: What to

tell the little indians about the animals they had never seen. So stories were told about the days when the red men were malest at the days when the red men were masters at the buffalo, and how the buffalo supplied them with cothing, food, and impliments. So strong as it seems, if was the East that sent the buffalo to the West."

Next time we meet, I will tell you mare tales about the days "when the West was young" as told to me by Sheriff Ben Warster.



















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